

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5, 9 and 17-18 have been amended. Claims 1-2, 5 and 9-18 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 9-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,856,820 B1 (Kolls).

Amended independent claim 1 recites, in relevant part, the following:

the service providing system comprising ...

transmission means ... to provide access to a specified service, via the communication network, from the service server to a specified electronic appliance and for transmitting service information ... to the specified electronic appliance ...

in which said service information indicates an update for map information is available for the specified electronic appliance, and

wherein the transmission means transmits to the specified electronic appliance update data for the map information, the update data only including one or more differences between updated map information and a previous version of the map information, responsive to a request for the update for the map information transmitted over the communication network by the specified electronic appliance

(Emphasis added). The features added to claim 1 are believed to be described in the present application, for example, at pg. 37, ln. 9-13 and pg. 51, ln. 3-5 and FIG. 10.

It is respectfully submitted that Kolls as applied by the Examiner does not appear to specifically disclose the above-identified features of claim 1. The portions of Kolls relied upon by the Examiner (see Office Action pp. 3-5) in explaining the 102 rejection do not appear to disclose or suggest a service providing system including a transmission means for transmitting to a specified electronic appliance service information "indicat[ing] an update for map information is available" and

transmitting, responsive to a request for the update for the map information transmitted over a communication network by the specified electronic appliance, update data for the map information, where the update data only includes differences between updated map information and a previous version of the map information, as now recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claim 1 is distinguishable over Kolls as applied by the Examiner.

Amended independent claims 2, 5, 9 and 17-18 include limitations corresponding to those of amended claim 1 discussed above. For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 2, 5, 9 and 17-18 are also distinguishable from Kolls as applied by the Examiner.

Claims 10-16 depend from one of the independent claims. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 10-16 are distinguishable from Kolls as applied by the Examiner for at least the reasons previously described.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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